

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2017-105-S

Joint Application of Palmetto of Richland County, LLC and Palmetto Utilities, Inc. for Approval of Merger

Palmetto of Richland County, LLC ("PRC") and Palmetto Utilities, Inc. ("PUI")(collectively, the "Joint Applicants") have filed a Joint Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for approval of the merger of PRC with and into PUI (the "Merger"). The Application was filed pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-504.

According to the Plan of Merger ("Plan") entered into by the Joint Applicants on March 31, 2017, PUI will be vested with all the rights, privileges, powers, immunities, franchises, assets, and property of PRC, including PRC's sewer systems, service territories, personal and business property, real property, easements, governmental authorizations (including the certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to), sewer system permits issued by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC"), and such other permits and property as may be owned by PRC.

If the Commission approves the Merger and grants the relief requested in the Joint Application, all of the PRC customers will become customers of PUI. Additionally, PUI will continue to charge former PRC customers for sewer service pursuant to the current schedule of rates and charges approved by this Commission for PRC until such time as a rate adjustment or other rate schedule modification is approved by the Commission.

The Joint Applicants submit that the transfer and consolidation of the sewer facilities, territories, and certificates of public convenience and necessity of PRC to PUI is in the public interest. Customers of the consolidated entity will benefit from centralized operations, increased efficiency and reduced regulatory expenses. The proposed transfer and consolidation also will serve judicial and administrative economy in that it will, at a minimum, reduce the number of rate cases required for the separate customer bases now served by the Joint Applicants.

A copy of the company's Joint Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2017-105-S. Additionally, a copy of the Joint Application is available from the office of John M. S. Hoefler, Esquire and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefler, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 17, 2017**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2017-105-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **May 17, 2017**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2017-105-S.***

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2017-105-S*.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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